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A. W. ROBERTSON.

The Artful Dodger.

Last week Wardie White printed in the News a statement that Mr. Royce had stuffed the orders of the various county officers with almost enough stationery, etc., to last another entire year, for fear he should lose the county printing. What did Royce do? Deny it? Not on your life. He goes to work and gets the county officers to sign a statement that they had not ordered work in excess of their present needs. We confess we are unable to see just how the statement of the officers, that they had not ordered extra work, would disprove White's charge that Royce printed more than was ordered. But maybe it does. There appears to be a great deal more truth in White's statement than we at first supposed.

Dr. Williamson Dead.

Dr. B. P. Williamson, one of the leading physicians of Norton, died last Friday of pneumonia. The doctor had been attending a smallpox patient, in the country near town, and contracted the fever from washing and changing his clothing in a barn each day before returning to town. The HERALD editor knew Dr. Williamson some years ago in Hill City. He was a careful, painstaking physician, a man who made many friends, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his decease.

Agricultural Report.

This office acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the Twelfth Biennial report of the State Board of Agriculture. Like all the previous reports issued by Secretary Coburn, this is an interesting and valuable volume, and should be in every progressive farmer's library. The report is a book of over 900 pages and contains among other things useful information on the sheep husbandry, the horse, forage and fodders, cows and calves, milk and milking, roads and road construction and an exhaustive analysis of the state's agricultural statistics covering the biennial period. About 300 pages of the volume are devoted to the achievements of every township in the state along the lines of agricultural activity. One hundred and illustrations add to the beauty and value of this handsomely printed volume.

Narrow Escape From Fire.

Henry Ahlborn's store building had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Saturday morning. The carpenters had been at work for several days on the new front but had not yet put the new doors in place. On this account Bert Robbins and Clyde Arnold, who are employees of the store, were sleeping there. Along toward morning they were awakened by a strong smell of burning wood. An investigation developed the fact that Mr. Ahlborn's desk was on fire. The boys promptly used a bucket of water which was at hand and a fire extinguisher. With the aid of these it was easily put out without damage other than to a number of papers and books. The day book, county atlas and one day's mail were damaged but nothing was destroyed which could not be replaced. The only theory is that mice and matches were the cause. It was fortunate that the blaze was discovered before it had much of a start.—Smith County Journal.

The Handys Leave.

Last Saturday night R. A. Handy left with his furniture, stock, etc., for his new location in Colorado Springs. Mrs. Handy and children having gone a few days before.
For many years R. A. Handy has been a prominent figure in business circles of Phillipsburg. He, in company with A. W. Robertson, organized the State Bank and continued its president during the entire period of its existence. Since that time he has engaged in real estate and mercantile business. Always public spirited, and interested for the good of the city, his removal will be quite a loss to this place.
Mrs. Handy has been a leader in social circles and will be greatly missed. They have many friends in Phillipsburg and Phillips county who will wish that their lot in Colorado may be cast in pleasant places.

The Smallpox Situation.

The County Board of Health met last Thursday afternoon and adopted a series of regulations regarding the epidemic of smallpox in the county. Measures were provided for a strict quarantine of all the infected houses, and County Health Officer Fisher authorized to maintain the same as long as there is any danger of the spread of the disease.
The localities affected at first seem to have the disease well under control and very few cases are reported. But the scourge has broken out in several new locations in the past few days. A case is reported near Logan, one near Prairie View, another near Long Is. land and still another at Woodruff. Dr. Fisher is out almost all the time, night and day, looking after the proper quarantine of all houses where the disease exists. It is to be hoped that these isolated cases will be kept under control and that the disease will not spread further. There are no cases in this city or anywhere in this immediate vicinity.

Hebrew's Bill.

Representative Evan Hebrew has introduced a bill into the legislature. It is to disorganize school district 109 in this county. District 109 is located just south of the Marvin district. Its officers are W. C. Adams, B. F. Dorsey and J. M. Walters. The territory will probably be attached to the Marvin district.

Farmer Haskell Buys Goats.

The Angora goat is the latest craze to strike the attention of our farmers. Many are being imported into the county at the present time, of which we have made previous mention. Last week W. H. Haskell shipped in twenty head which he will place on his ranch near Gaylord. The animal is especially valuable on account of his fine fleece, the excellent quality of his flesh and the small expense of his keeping. The Angora goat will take care of himself and make money for his owner.—Smith County Pioneer.

School Report

Of Dist. No. 114, Union school, for two months and three weeks ending Jan. 25: Average daily attendance, 15; No. days taught, 54. School closed one week before it was expected on account of smallpox scare. The pupils entertained a large number of visitors that were present by the closing exercises of the school.
CORA HICKMAN, Teacher.

From Pond, Arkansas.

EDITOR HERALD:—I wrote the HERALD a description the first year I lived here, but can perhaps give a better account now than I did then, having been here long enough to know the country better and the products of the country.
The general topography of this country is quite varied. In some parts it is quite rough and hilly and very stony, while in other parts it is comparatively level and free from stone. The stony, rough land is not very productive, that is for wheat, corn and oats. Clover, orchard grass cow-peas and vegetables make good crops. Apple, peach and pear trees do well and produce abundant crops; likewise blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and grapes do well and yield abundantly. One new to the country would scarcely believe that some of the stoniest of the land could be worked or would produce anything, but after nearly five years residence here I find that it can be cultivated and that the stony ground makes the best fruit of all kind. Of course the stony land is not as easily cultivated as loam or clay soil free from rock, yet most, if not all, who have both stony land and land that is free from stone, invariably put the stony land to fruit of some kind. I know of a strawberry field of seven acres that one can scarcely see any earth at all that the owner cleared \$200 off of last year above all expenses. And yet he is but one of many who have done likewise. Some who have an acre in strawberries have frequently realized \$50 from their single acre above expenses.
Fruit growing is like corn or wheat growing. Some overdo the thing and fail to give the required amount of attention and for that reason do not realize as great a profit as the one who farms less and more intensely. Good care and good cultivation gives far better results than half way work and slipshod methods. I do not wish to boast of what I have done in the way of orchard planting and cultivation, but will give you some idea if I can of the difference between good care and good culture and that of neglect. The same spring that I planted out over 30 acres of apple trees one of my neighbors planted six acres. I bought the best of yearling trees at \$3 per hundred, prepared my ground carefully and have cultivated and pruned likewise carefully and in season and I have an orchard that is highly spoken of by all who see it. Three or four weeks ago a gentleman who has 80 acres of orchard was in mine and remarked that I had one of the finest young orchards in the county and said that I was going to have lots of fruit next year. And the trees were yearlings planted three years ago next month. While the neighbor bought second-class trees at \$2.50 per hundred, set them out, took poor care of them, let his cows run in the orchard, and I do not think he has 50 trees as high as my head. My trees are, of course, too young to be allowed to carry much fruit and the fruit will have to be picked off to keep from overloading and injuring the trees—a labor that few attend to and as a result soon lose their trees.
Pears are almost a sure crop here and the Gosper Keiffer and some other standard varieties are almost blight proof and begin bearing when three years old, though the trees will cost about \$10 per hundred, which makes it more expensive to begin, but where

apples are worth 30c to 40c per bushel, pears being 75c to \$1.00 per bushel. The great difficulty with fruit growing is that people plant out orchards and let Providence take care of them, hence about one man in ten make a success of it here as elsewhere.

What I have said is all with reference to the poor, rough, stony land. A cleaner, finer colored strawberry can be raised on the stony land than on clay soil and can be kept freer from grass and weeds. The white and red land, both free from stone, will grow a larger tree than stony land, but the trees are longer coming into bearing and bear more shyly and the fruit does not take on as fine a color at maturity. The white land is very thin and does not produce but little better, if any, crops than the stony land, yet can be brought out by growing cow peas and clover. The red lands are very good and where not worn out produces good crops and is held at a high figure.

The creek bottoms are black land and are very productive where they have been taken good care of and not corned to death, which is too frequently the case. The bottom lands are all, or nearly all, gravelly and stony, are poor fruit lands and are seldom planted to fruit, unless it is small fruit. The timber on the stony land is scrubby; on the white and red land is somewhat better, but not a great deal, and the bottom lands grow a good forest tree.

This is growing to some length and, as I am quite tired tonight, I will bring it to a close and if you desire I will at another time write you more, as there is much more to be told about the country. Yours respectfully,
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